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SAVILLAH T. HINRICHSEN.

BY MRS. ARTHUR HUNTINGTON.

In the death of Savillah T. Hinrichsen, August 28, 1917, at her home in Springfield, Illinois, there passed from the community and the country, one of the fast vanishing types of the militant woman of the old school.

A daughter of Nancy Wyatt and Edward S. Hinrichsen of Alexander, Morgan County, Illinois, she was reared in a home of culture and intellectuality and where she early developed the literary tendencies, which later proved her recreation, pleasure and livelihood. Her dignity of manner and her charming courtesy, the artistic picture she made when dressed in her mother's quaint old satin gown, the fichu of rare lace, her cap and her jewels, will long be remembered by those whose fortune and pleasure it was to know and see her.

Educated at the Woman's College in Jacksonville and the Ursuline Convent in Springfield, she was interested in all things that pertained to the development of woman—a strong believer in the equal rights of women and men, she, with the aid of Mrs. George Clinton Smith, so well remembered as the compiler and publisher of "Woman in Song" helped to organize the first equal suffrage party in Springfield.

She was at one time attached to the staff of the Jacksonville Courier and her sketches and articles were of unusual merit. She wrote a number of short stories using a non de plume. She afterwards expressed regret that she had not used her own name in order that she might receive credit for this authorship.

In politics she was an ardent Democrat and was State Librarian under the Altgeld administration; her brother, William H. Hinrichsen, being then Secretary of State.

She was a charter member of the Springfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the

Authors' Club, which long ranked as one of the most brilliant clubs of men and women in the State, the Springfield Art Association and various other societies which helped to uplift and elevate the community in which she lived. For a number of years she was interested in the "Travelers' Aid" at the Union Station and the hundreds of letters she received, testified to the care and the protection given by her to the stranger. A member of the State Historical Society she rarely missed a meeting and enjoyed to the utmost the ever interesting tales of the early life of our State and Country.

She was never married, devoting her life to her parents and after their death finding consolation and comfort with her Aunt Savillah, (Mrs. Robert B. Latham of Lincoln) for whom she was named and to whom she was devotedly attached and whose influence will long be felt and remembered by those who knew her.

Miss Hinrichsen believed firmly that if you wished to retain the love and respect of your relatives and friends, you should rule your own domicile and she lived alone with her books and her flowers, lending council and aid to those in distress and loving her neighbor as herself.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church, and the beautiful service of that church was held over her remains in her little home, surrounded by her sister and brother, cousins and friends and she was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Jacksonville by the side of her father and mother.

"Bright was the world, when far away
Sudden the sea fog rose, and lay
The drooping sky to meet,
And in 'twixt valley—wall and wall
A broad embattled column tall
Rode like a ghostly fleet,
It came to find my work undone,
To pale my little round of sun,
To check my eager hand."